

PUBLIC SPEAKERS FPD BOARD MEETING 6-16-2022

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ORGANIZATION/CITY</u>
COYOTE	
1. Carol Milan	Northbrook, IL
2. Nicole Milan	Northbrook, IL
3. Michael Krawitz	Northbrook, IL
4. Irene Sewell	Glenview, IL
5. Jodie Wiederkehr	Chicago Alliance for Animals
6. Campsie Grouthendieck	Glenview, IL
7. Veronique Becka	Wilmette, IL
8. Laura Hartwell-Berlin	West Cook Wild Ones
9. Ismael Perez	Chicago, IL

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name:	Carol Milan
City/Town:	Northbrook
State:	IL
ZIP:	60062

Q2

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Send Rocky to the Wild Animal Sanctuary where he would have 15 acres of land to roam and be safely introduced to Chi Chi, another rescued coyote through safety fencing.

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Send Rocky to the Wild Animal Sanctuary where he would have 15 acres of land to roam and be safely introduced to Chi Chi, another rescued coyote through safety fencing. Please see photos and videos of the Wild Animal Sanctuary.

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name:	Nicole Milan
City/Town:	Northbrook
State:	IL
ZIP:	60062

Q2

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Release Rocky the Coyote to the Wild Animal Sanctuary.

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I recently visited the Wild Animal Sanctuary in Keensburg, CO where I was given an extensive tour of the incredible facility.

Please consider watching videos where Rocky the coyote would temporarily be housed, as well as larger habitats, and the SAFE rehabilitation process and animal introduction process with two lions. You can view videos, photos, and more info here: <https://sparkvp.com/rocky-the-coyote/>

The experienced rehabilitators would love for Rocky to meet Chi Chi, a rescued coyote, the same way. If Rocky didn't bond with Chi Chi, he would have his own multi-acreage habitat all to himself.

Please do the humane thing and release Rocky the coyote to the Wild Animal Sanctuary at no cost and stop putting healthy animals in cages in the Cook County Forest Preserves. Please give Rocky the chance to meet another coyote for the first time in his life!

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Nicole Milan

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name:	Irene Sewell
Organization (if any):	Self
City/Town:	Glenview
State:	IL
ZIP:	60025

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I want to speak on behalf of captive coyote Rocky at River Trail Nature Center

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I am urging the board to do the right thing and release Rocky the coyote to The Wild Animal Sanctuary where he will be free to roam, hide in underground tunnels if he so chooses, be with others of his own kind and be able to get off of the anti-anxiety meds you currently feed him in an attempt to address his extreme level of stress from being locked up 24/7 in that small cage next to the parking lot. Find compassion. Surrender Rocky to a better life.

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name:	Jodie Wiederkehr
Organization (if any):	Chicago Alliance for Animals (CAA)
City/Town:	Chicago
State:	IL
ZIP:	60645

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Please send Rocky the Coyote to the Wild Animal Sanctuary.

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name:	Campsie Grothendieck
City/Town:	Glenview
State:	IL
ZIP:	60025

Q2

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Relocate Rocky the Coyote to the Sanctuary

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name:	Veronique Becka
City/Town:	Wilmette
ZIP:	60091

Q2

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Cook County Captive Animal Program

Q4

REGISTER IN OPPOSITION to a specific item (You may add written comments below)

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Q5

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Please phase out the captive animal program. Animal abuse is not educational.

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name:	Laura Hartwell-Berlin
Organization (if any):	West Cook Wild Ones
City/Town:	Oak Park
State:	IL
ZIP:	60302

Q2

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Respondent skipped this question

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West Cook Wild Ones, a local nonprofit dedicated to promoting the use of native plants in landscaping to help ensure a healthy ecosystem for the benefit of all plants and animals, extends thanks to the Forest Preserve District of Cook County. In the spring of 2020, we began partnering with the FPDCC for our annual Native Plant Sale. Partnership with the Forest Preserve allowed us to more than double our sales and number of customers reached. Every additional sale means more native plants distributed throughout the communities of Cook County. The increased proceeds from the plant sale allow our organization to increase the number and dollar amount of the grants we fund to other Cook County non-profits for the purchase of native plants to either install or add to their own native plant gardens.

At every step in our 3 year collaboration, the Forest Preserve has proven to be an exemplary partner. We work closely with Public Engagement and Programs Manager, Nina Baki, to organize and coordinate the sale. Nina brings valuable ideas and positive energy to the project. When we are at the Central Maintenance Compound for the week of the sale each early June, numerous Forest Preserve team members from departments ranging from Facilities to Conservation to Finance volunteer to help us. Every single Forest Preserve team member that we encounter welcomes us, enthusiastically helps us, and smiles. People are always willing to pitch in to solve problems or smooth any difficulties. We could not achieve the same level of success without their help.

We at West Cook Wild Ones are grateful for our partnership with the Forest Preserve and look forward to continued success in the future. We offer our sincere thanks and congratulations to the leadership of the Forest Preserve for creating an exemplary governmental organization for the benefit of the human and non-human residents of Cook County.

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name:	Ismael Perez
City/Town:	Chicago
State:	IL
ZIP:	60647

Q2

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Send Rocky the Coyote to the Wild Animal Sanctuary.

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Send Rocky the coyote to the Wild Animal Sanctuary. Rocky currently lives in a 266-square-foot cage in the River Trail Nature Center, when he could be living in a 15-acre habitat in the Wild Animal Sanctuary. The Wild Animal Sanctuary has concrete burrows in their coyote habitats where Rocky could hide if he wants. The burrows are temperature controlled at 60 degrees year-round. The current coyote residents at the Wild Animal Sanctuary use the burrows to hide from people. At the River Trail Nature Center, Rocky is limited to hiding in a kennel in his cage. To make matters worse, visitors of the River Trail Nature Center see Rocky at eye level and stand close enough for him to see and hear them. In the Wild Animal Sanctuary, visitors have an elevated walkway, which stresses the animals less than being at eye level to them.

I have seen Rocky in person at the River Trail Nature Center pacing from stress in his cage. A FOIA has revealed that Rocky has been prescribed anti-anxiety medication, which can be associated with his frequent contact with strangers and restrained living conditions. While Rocky is in a cage limiting his movement, coyotes can be seen outside the cage freely roaming in the forest. The County Board and Forest Preserve Board have an excellent chance to transfer Rocky to the Wild Animal Sanctuary, free of charge.

At the sanctuary, Rocky will be rehabilitated, have a 15-acre habitat to roam with Chi Chi (another rescued coyote) if he bonds, and exhibit typical coyote behavior found in the wild. By keeping Rocky in the harsh living conditions in the River Trail Nature Center, the River Trail Nature Center is not accurately educating the public about the vast majority of coyotes in the wild. Rocky does not exhibit their behavior because of his limiting living conditions. I understand that staff from the River Trail Nature Center care about Rocky. That gives more reason why the River Trail Nature Center should improve Rocky's living conditions by transferring him to the Wild Animal Sanctuary. In the Cook County Commissioners Board Meeting on January 11, 2022, Commissioner Britten of the 14th district said he is committed to improving this situation. Transferring Rocky to the Wild Animal Sanctuary is my solution, experts' solution, and many others' solution to Rocky's harsh living conditions at the River Trail Nature Center.

For more information on the better living conditions Rocky could have by being transferred to the Wild Animal Sanctuary, please visit <https://sparkvp.com/rocky-the-coyote/>.

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